

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A recording/reproducing apparatus comprising:

a video data storing section storing video data  
and a copy control information in a recording medium;

5 a determination section determining, on copy  
control information, whether the image data is only-  
one-generation-copy-enabled data or copy-unrestricted-  
enabled data;

10 a reduced-image storing section reducing a  
designated image contained in the video data and  
storing the reduced image in the recording medium, if  
the determination section determines that the image  
data is the copy-unrestricted-enabled data;

15 a inhibition section inhibiting a storage  
operation of the reduced-image storing section, if the  
determination section determines that the video data is  
the only-one-generation-copy-enabled data; and

20 a video data reproduction section reproducing the  
video data stored in the recording medium by the video  
data storing section, based on the reduced image  
designated.

25 2. The recording/reproducing apparatus according  
to claim 1, further comprising a position information  
storing section storing, in the recording medium,  
position information indicative of a storage position  
of the designated image contained in the stored video  
data, if the determination section determines that the

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video data is the only-one-generation-copy-enabled data,  
and wherein the video data reproduction section  
reproduces the video data stored in the recording  
medium based on one of the position information and  
5 reduced image designated.

3. The recording/reproducing apparatus according  
to claim 1, further comprising a displaying section  
displaying a message that the reduced image cannot be  
stored, if the determination section determines that  
10 the video data is the only-one-generation-copy-enabled  
data.

4. A method for recording and reproducing video  
data, comprising the steps of;

15 storing video data and a copy control information  
in a recording medium;

determining whether the video data is only-one-  
generation-copy-enabled data or copy-unrestricted-  
enabled data, based on the copy control signal;

20 reducing a designated image contained in the video  
data and storing the reduced image in the recording  
medium, if the video data is determined to be the copy-  
unrestricted-enabled data;

25 inhibiting storage of the reduced image if the  
video data is determined to be the only-one-generation-  
copy-enabled data; and

reproducing the video data stored in the recording  
medium when the reduced image has been designated.

5. The method according to claim 4, further comprising the step of storing, in the recording medium, position information indicative of a storage position of the designated image contained in the stored video  
5 data, if the video data is determined to be the only-one-generation-copy-enabled data.

10 6. The method according to claim 4, further comprising the step of displaying a message that the reduced image cannot be stored, if the video data is determined to be the only-one-generation-copy-enabled data.

7. An information recording medium including a program, the program comprising:

15 storing video data and a copy control information in a recording medium;

determining, on the copy control information, whether the video data is only-one-generation-copy-enabled data or copy-unrestricted-enabled data;

20 reducing a designated image contained in the video data and storing the reduced image in the recording medium, if the video data is determined to be the copy-unrestricted-enabled data;

25 inhibiting storage of the reduced image if the video data is determined to be the only-one-generation-copy-enabled data; and

reproducing the video data stored in the recording medium based on the reduced image designated.